

General Assembly

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## AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO VARIOUS TAX STATUTES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subdivision (1) of subsection (f) of section 12-7b of the
- 2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):
- 4 (f) (1) The Office of Fiscal Analysis shall not make known in any
- 5 manner any information obtained from any such report or inventory,
- 6 or any information obtained pursuant to subdivision (2) of this
- 7 subsection which would allow the identification of any taxpayer or of
- 8 the amount or source of income, profits, losses, expenditures or any
- 9 particulars thereof set forth or disclosed in any return, statement or
- 10 report required to be filed with or submitted to the commissioner
- 11 which is discernible from such report or inventory, or from such
- 12 information obtained pursuant to subdivision [(d)] (2) of this
- 13 subsection, except as provided in this subsection. The Office of Fiscal
- 14 Analysis may disclose such information to other state officers and
- 15 employees when required in the course of duty. No such officer or
- 16 employee shall make known any such information to any other person
- 17 except as provided in this subsection. Any person who violates any
- 18 provision of this subsection shall be fined not more than one thousand
- 19 dollars or imprisoned not more than one year or both.
- Sec. 2. Section 12-317 of the general statutes is repealed and the

21 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

22 Any person having in [his] <u>such person's</u> possession any cigarettes 23 with respect to the storage or use of which a tax is imposed herein 24 shall, within twenty-four hours after coming into possession of such 25 cigarettes, file a return with the Commissioner of Revenue Services in 26 such form as [he] <u>said commissioner</u> may prescribe. The return shall be 27 accompanied by a payment of the amount of the tax shown to be due 28 thereon. If any such person fails to file the return as required by this 29 section, said commissioner shall make such return at any time 30 thereafter, according to the best information obtainable, in accordance 31 with section 12-309, except that the penalty shall be equal to ten per 32 cent of such tax due and unpaid. Such tax shall bear interest at the rate 33 of one per cent per month or fraction thereof, from the due date of 34 such tax until the date of payment.

- Sec. 3. Section 12-326a of the general statutes is amended by adding subsection (c) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2009*):
- 37 (NEW) (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-15 or any 38 other section of the general statutes, for purposes of this part the 39 commissioner may make public the identity of those persons who are 40 stamping agents, subjobbers or chain stores.
- Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 12-460a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 43 1, 2009):
- 44 (b) With respect to fiscal years ending on or after June 30, [2004] 45 2010, the [Commissioner of Revenue Services] Comptroller shall 46 deposit into the Conservation Fund established under section 22a-27h 47 three million dollars of the amount of the funds received by the state 48 from the tax imposed under this chapter attributable to sales of fuel 49 from distributors to any boat yard, public or private marina or other 50 entity renting or leasing slips, dry storage, mooring or other space for 51 marine vessels provided (1) two hundred fifty thousand dollars shall 52 be credited to the boating account, and (2) two million dollars shall be

- 53 credited to the fisheries account of which not less than seventy-five
- 54 thousand dollars shall be allocated to The University of Connecticut
- 55 for the Long Island Sound councils.
- Sec. 5. Section 12-484 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2010*):
- 58 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, every motor carrier 59 subject to the tax imposed by this chapter shall, on or before the last 60 day of January, April, July and October, annually, [or on or before the 61 last day of the month following such reporting period, other than a 62 quarterly period as may be established under regulations promulgated 63 by the Commissioner of Revenue Services, make to the commissioner 64 such reports of its operations during the quarter [or such other period, 65 as the case may be, ending the last day of the preceding month as the 66 commissioner may require and such other reports from time to time as 67 the commissioner may deem necessary.
  - (b) The commissioner shall adopt in accordance with chapter 54 and enforce regulations relating to the administration and enforcement of this chapter.
- (c) The commissioner [by regulation may] shall exempt from the [aforesaid] reporting requirements of subsection (a) of this section [, as a class, (1)] those motor carriers operating solely within this state and [(2) those motor carriers] purchasing motor fuel solely within this state. [, and require in each such instance an annual report, if in his discretion the enforcement of this chapter would not be adversely affected by such regulation.]
- Sec. 6. Subsection (c) of section 12-487 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective* 80 *January* 1, 2010):
- 81 (c) [No] (1) Except as otherwise provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) 82 of this subsection, no person shall operate or cause to be operated any 83 [such vehicle] qualified motor vehicle, as defined in section 12-478, in

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this state unless such vehicle bears the identification markers required by this section. [, provided the commissioner by letter or telegram may authorize the operation, for a period not to exceed ten days as to any one motor carrier, of a vehicle or vehicles without such identification marker when the enforcement of this section would cause undue delay and hardship in the operation of such vehicle or vehicles and when the enforcement of this chapter will not be adversely affected.] Any person operating or causing to be operated in this state any qualified motor vehicle [, as defined in section 12-478,] to which the identification markers required by this section or any regulations adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 are not properly affixed shall have committed an infraction, the fine for which shall be ninety dollars. Any provision of the general statutes to the contrary notwithstanding, any person who is alleged to have committed such an infraction shall follow the procedures set forth in section 51-164n.

(2) The commissioner may authorize the operation without the identification markers required by this section of a qualified motor vehicle in this state by a motor carrier where (A) the motor carrier has filed with the commissioner or an authorized third party an application for a trip permit, on a form prescribed by the commissioner or authorized third party, and has paid the trip permit fee; (B) the commissioner has determined that the enforcement of this chapter will not be adversely affected; and (C) the commissioner has determined that the enforcement of this section would cause undue delay and hardship in the operation of such vehicle. Each trip permit, upon issuance, shall be valid for a period of seventy-two hours from the time of its issuance, or from the time specified by the trip permittee, whichever is later. The issuance of a trip permit to a motor carrier for a qualified motor vehicle shall exempt the motor carrier from filing the quarterly report otherwise required under section 12-484, as amended by this act, and from paying the tax otherwise required under section 12-483 on the operation of such vehicle in this state during the time that the permit is in effect. A motor carrier to whom a trip permit is issued shall, during the time that the permit is in effect, be required to

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- 118 have the permit present at all times in the vehicle for which it was 119 issued, and to present the permit, on demand, for inspection by 120 employees or other agents of the Department of Revenue Services, or 121 by law enforcement officers. A trip permit shall not be transferable by 122 a trip permittee. The trip permit fee shall be fifty dollars for each 123 qualified motor vehicle. A motor carrier, in signing the application for 124 a trip permit and in paying the trip permit fee, shall acknowledge and 125 agree that the motor carrier is waiving and releasing any claim for 126 refund that might otherwise be allowable if the amount of the trip 127 permit fee were to exceed the tax that would otherwise be required to 128 be paid under section 12-483 on the operation of such vehicle in this 129 state during the time that the permit is in effect. The commissioner 130 may authorize third parties to issue trip permits under this subsection. 131 An authorized third party shall remit to the commissioner fifty dollars 132 for each trip permit. Such third party shall issue a receipt to each trip 133 permittee.
- 134 (3) The commissioner may authorize the operation without the 135 identification markers required by this section of a qualified motor 136 vehicle in this state by a motor carrier for emergency purposes if the 137 commissioner determines that the enforcement of this section would 138 cause undue delay and hardship in the operation of such vehicle.
- Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 12-631 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2009, and applicable to income years commencing on or after January 1, 2009):
- 143 As used in this chapter, the following terms have the following 144 meanings:
- (a) "Business firm" means any business entity authorized to do business in the state and subject to the [corporation business] tax imposed under [chapter 208 or to the unincorporated business tax imposed under chapter 228, or any insurance company, hospital or medical services corporation subject to the insurance companies,

- 150 hospital and medical services corporations tax imposed under chapter
- 151 207, or any air carrier subject to the air carriers tax imposed under
- chapter 209, or any railroad company subject to the railroad companies
- tax imposed under chapter 210, or any express, telegraph, telephone,
- 154 cable, car or community antenna television company subject to the
- 155 express, telegraph, telephone, cable, car and community antenna
- 156 television companies tax imposed under chapter 211, or any utility
- 157 company subject to the utility companies tax imposed under chapter
- 158 212, or any public service company subject to the public service
- companies tax imposed under chapter 212a] chapter 207, 208, 209, 210,
- 160 211 or 212.
- Sec. 8. Section 12-635a of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 162 following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2009, and
- applicable to income years commencing on or after January 1, 2009):
- 164 The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall grant a credit against
- any tax due under the provisions of chapter 207, 208, 209, 210, 211 or
- 166 212 in an amount not to exceed [forty] sixty per cent of the total cash
- 167 amount invested during the taxable year by the business firm in
- 168 community-based alcoholism prevention or treatment programs
- 169 operated or created pursuant to proposals approved pursuant to
- 170 section 12-632.
- 171 Sec. 9. Subsection (g) of section 38a-91hh of the general statutes is
- 172 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from
- 173 passage):
- 174 (g) Nothing contained in this section shall prevent or be construed
- as prohibiting the commissioner from disclosing the content of an
- examination report, preliminary examination report or results, or any
- 177 matter relating to such report to (1) the [Insurance Department]
- insurance regulatory officials of this or any other state or country, (2)
- law enforcement officials of this or any other state, or (3) any agency of
- this or any other state, or the federal government at any time, [unless]
- provided such agency or office receiving the report or matters relating

- 182 to such report agrees, in writing, that such documents shall be 183 confidential.
- 184 Sec. 10. Section 38a-91nn of the general statutes is repealed and the 185 following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage and 186 applicable to calendar years commencing on and after January 1, 2009):
- 187 (a) Each captive insurance company shall pay to the Commissioner 188 of Revenue Services, [in the month of February of each year] on or 189 before the first day of March, annually, a tax at the rate of thirty-eight 190 hundredths of one per cent on the first twenty million dollars and two hundred eighty-five thousandths of one per cent on the next twenty 192 million dollars and nineteen hundredths of one per cent on the next 193 twenty million dollars and seventy-two thousandths of one per cent on 194 each dollar thereafter on the direct premiums collected or contracted 195 for on policies or contracts of insurance written by the captive 196 insurance company during the year ending December thirty-first next 197 preceding, after deducting from the direct premiums subject to the tax 198 the amounts paid to policyholders as return premiums which shall 199 include dividends on unabsorbed premiums or premium deposits 200 returned or credited to policyholders, except that no tax shall be due or payable as to considerations received for annuity contracts.
  - (b) The annual minimum aggregate tax to be paid by a captive insurance company calculated under [subsections (a) and (b)] subsection (a) of this section shall be seven thousand five hundred dollars, and the annual maximum aggregate tax shall be two hundred thousand dollars.
  - (c) [A captive insurance company failing to file returns as required in this section or failing to pay within the time required all taxes assessed by this section shall be subject to penalty under section 12-229] The provisions of sections 12-204, 12-204d, 12-204g and 12-205 to 12-208, inclusive, shall apply to the provisions of sections 38a-91aa to 38a-91qq, inclusive, as amended by this act, in the same manner and with the same force and effect as if the language of said sections 12-

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- 214 204, 12-204d, 12-204g and 12-205 to 12-208, inclusive, had been
- 215 incorporated in full into this section and had expressly referred to the
- 216 <u>tax due under sections 38a-91aa to 38a-91qq, inclusive, as amended by</u>
- 217 this act, except to the extent that any such language is inconsistent with
- 218 <u>a provision of said sections 38a-91aa to 38a-91qq, inclusive.</u>
- 219 (d) Two or more captive insurance companies under common
- 220 ownership and control shall be taxed as though they were a single
- 221 captive insurance company.
- (e) For the purposes of this section common ownership and control
- 223 means:
- 224 (1) In the case of stock corporations, the direct or indirect ownership
- of eighty per cent or more of the outstanding voting stock of two or
- 226 more corporations by the same shareholder or shareholders; and
- 227 (2) In the case of mutual or nonprofit corporations, the direct or
- indirect ownership of eighty per cent or more of the surplus and the
- voting power of two or more corporations by the same member or
- 230 members.
- 231 (f) The tax provided for in this section shall constitute all taxes
- 232 collectible under the laws of this state from any captive insurance
- company, and no other occupation tax or other taxes shall be levied or
- 234 collected from any captive insurance company by the state or any
- county, city or municipality within this state, except taxes on real and
- personal property used in the production of income.
- 237 (g) The tax provided for in this section shall be calculated on an
- 238 annual basis, notwithstanding policies or contracts of insurance or
- 239 contracts of reinsurance issued on a multiyear basis. In the case of
- 240 multiyear policies or contracts, the premium shall be prorated for
- 241 purposes of determining the tax under this section.
- Sec. 11. Sections 12-34d and 12-315a of the general statutes are
- 243 repealed. (Effective July 1, 2009)

This act sha	all take effect as follows and	shall amend the following
sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2009	12-7b(f)(1)
Sec. 2	July 1, 2009	12-317
Sec. 3	October 1, 2009	12-326a
Sec. 4	July 1, 2009	12-460a(b)
Sec. 5	January 1, 2010	12-484
Sec. 6	January 1, 2010	12-487(c)
Sec. 7	July 1, 2009, and	12-631(a)
	applicable to income years	
	commencing on or after	
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Sec. 8	July 1, 2009, and	12-635a
	applicable to income years	
	commencing on or after	
	January 1, 2009	
Sec. 9	from passage	38a-91hh(g)
Sec. 10	from passage and	38a-91nn
	applicable to calendar years	
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Sec. 11	July 1, 2009	Repealer section

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